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**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS**

June 20, 2016

On Tuesday June 14, 2016, conditions of disaster arose as a result of a fire in the City of Maywood impacting the cities of Maywood and Vernon with air quality conditions impacting the surrounding communities. The site of the fire is adjacent to residential properties in the City of Maywood and businesses in the City of Vernon. The fire has displaced local residents with the activation of a Community Shelter. Local businesses are being contacted to determine if there are economic hardships and long term impacts due to the event. During the active fire operations, homeowners and renters in the area were evacuated from their homes.

Due to the fire, several County of Los Angeles Departments have engaged in response and recovery activities, air and soil monitoring, participation in daily conference calls, coordinating with the local residents, providing security for the evacuated community, and providing support to the local jurisdictions. Clean up and continued testing is occurring which may lead to an increased government presence in the area.

On Friday, June 17th, 2016, US Environmental Protection Agency contractors conducted soil sampling operations and late Friday evening, preliminary laboratory results confirmed hazardous levels of heavy metal contamination in the fire ash. It was determined that certain residential properties were impacted by the fire ash and

required further evaluation.

The increasing number of concerned and displaced residents, health concerns in the community, mandatory evacuations, confirmation of test results showing hazardous levels of heavy metal contamination, and the need for clean-up has necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County.

This emergency will require ongoing assessment and monitoring of the impacted area to ensure the safety of all residents and responders on the scene, such as personnel from law enforcement, fire, public health and public works as they conduct on-going assessment and monitoring, in addition to the participation and efforts by the private sector, state and federal agencies.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FACTS, AND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)(2), I MOVE THAT THE BOARD DETERMINE THAT:

1. There is a need to take immediate action to ratify the June 18, 2016 proclamation of Local Emergency; and
2. That the need to take this action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting;

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Ratify the attached proclamation made on June 18, 2016 for the fire in the City of Maywood that occurred on June 14, 2016. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board;
- 2) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; and request that a Governor's Proclamation be provided under the California Disaster Assistance Act;
- 3) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Office to identify available funding to provide reimbursement up to \$125,000 to various agencies for food, shelter and other assistance as necessary; and
- 4) Direct County Departments to continue to implement all assessment, assistance and monitoring efforts as applicable.

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REQUEST FOR A STATE PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors finds that beginning June 14, 2016, conditions of disaster arose as a result of the Maywood Fire affecting the Cities of Maywood, Vernon and the County of Los Angeles which has created conditions that are beyond the control of local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire has resulted in the displacement of residents from their homes, the possibility of health-related issues for residents, and air quality issues in the area surrounding the fire; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** by the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a local emergency exists throughout Los Angeles County, and that if the Board does not take action to ratify this emergency proclamation within seven days of its issuance, it shall have no further force or effect;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: June 18, 2016



**Hilda L. Solis**  
**Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**